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Applicant : Dan E. Robertson et al. Art Unit : 1652
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Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was originally due April 26, 2003. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for one month to May 27, 2003 (May 26, 2003, is a holiday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Petition to Extend Time 1 month, check
- Postcard

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